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- 1. Japanese Patent Publication No. 2000-167233, published June 20, 2000 (with an English Abstract).
- 2. Japanese Patent Publication No. 2001-167175, published June 22, 2001 (with an English Abstract).
- 3. Japanese Patent Publication No. 2002-108814, published April 12, 2002 (with an English Abstract)

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4. Japanese Patent Publication No. 11-213291, published August 06, 1999 (with an

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One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses here with a copy of a corresponding Japanese Office Action dated April 22, 2008, and an English translation of the pertinent portions thereof which cites such documents and indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign office.

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